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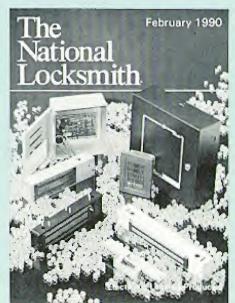
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Commentary

A Simple Key

The following poem was sent to me in 1987 by Dan Sousa at Intermountain Lock & Supply Co. It has been sitting in my file all this time! But I recently uncovered it and thought I would share it with you.

It's Just A Simple Key

I had one key to my lock and that key I cannot find. It's just a very simple key, see there, that's the kind! No, not that one--to your right. Oh, those are blanks you say? Let me draw it for you. See here, The key is cut this way. It's just a very simple key and it's about this wide, And has two or three or four cuts, here along the side. I think it has grooves in it; I don't believe it's flat. Now, this is just how it looks, and you can cut from that. You see, it's just a very small and simple, little key. And while you're at it you can make me three. If they don't work, of course, they are guaranteed? On second thought, one is all that I will ever need.

I hope you enjoyed that poem as much as I did! Customers are great, right? Without them, no one would make much of a living. But customers can also be enough to ruin your day sometimes. Recently, I spent a day on the road with a locksmith buddy of mine. You can read my article all about it in this issue.

It was a good day and we were kept busy. However, I noticed one common thread that connected each and every call, one to the next. Not one of those customers knew what he or she really wanted or needed. Oh, they all realized that they needed a locksmith, all right. It's just that they wanted "master keying" when they really needed re-keying. Or a door needed repair at the bank, only no one knew which door it was or what was wrong with it anyway.

Customers called us out for all sorts of problems, but they really had absolutely no idea about what a locksmith does. I believe this caused us a lot of unnecessary frustration. Do you find this to be a problem in your business? Or was it a coincidence that every person we called on had a goofed up idea of what a locksmith could do for him? Write to me and tell me what you think of this problem. Is it really a problem, or did I just meet the wrong people that day?

I really think that a project should be considered to help educate the customer as to what a locksmith is and what a locksmith can do. That would make life better for us. And I think it would be an improvement for the customer as well. What do you think?



Marc Holdberg Editor/Publisher

Letters

Comments, Suggestions and Criticisms

The National Locksmith is interested in your view. We do reserve the right to edit for clarity and lengths. Please address your comments, praise, or criticism to: Editor, The National Locksmith, 1533 Burgundy Parkway, Streamwood, IL 60107. All letters to the editor must be signed.

Window Suggested As Fire Escape Option

The debate concerning double cylinder deadlocks demonstrates the narrow view and understanding of the problem of fire safety many of my fellow technicians have. The usual cause of harm in a fire is smoke inhalation. Do we really want to, as security consultants to the public, advise someone who wakes to the sound of a smoke detector to open their bedroom door and grope for a key in a door, or should we advise our customers if possible to exit through a bedroom window directly to fresh air.

Most building codes specify that any room should have two openings (doors or windows) for this reason. I am sure someone who lives in areas of mainly high rise construction will scoff at this idea but I have a few live customers that have thanked me for the idea.

> Ray Hearn Missouri

Customer's Response In Lockout Situation

When the police department dispatcher telephones me, it rarely has anything to do with my 14-year-old son. In a town of 8500, most people call the police department when they get locked out of house or car, so I get quite a few calls from the dispatcher. This particular time the call dealt with a car lockout.

The 1983 model vehicle had the "dreaded electric locks." The owner was a very nice lady about retirement age who "had never had this happen before." As I was opening the car from the passenger's side, the owner was watching from the driver's side. As I pulled the door open, I said, "There you go, Ma'am." She responded, "Well, yes, young man, you've gotten in over there; but, how do I get in over here?"

Bob Tallman lowa

Locksmith Spreads Holiday Cheer

I thought that you might be interested in the following story which happened to me this week, for your "A Funny Thing Happened On My Way To The Lockout" feature. I received a phone call around suppertime from a man who had been out shopping for holiday presents and had locked his keys in his car. The windchill temperature was about 40 below zero and he didn't care to try the old coat hanger trick! After agreeing on the price, he asked me to come down to unlock his car, and made it known that he was very angry about locking his car.

When I got there, he asked "Don't suppose you have a holiday special, do va?"

"What did you have in mind?" I queried.

"Well, I had hoped for a lower price," he replied.

"Sir, you must understand that this is part of my business, not a charity, but I'll be glad to hum a Christmas carol for you while I get your car open."

He thought this was quite funny, started smiling, and invited me to proceed with the job.

> David A. Keenan Vermont

A 'Dog-gone' Rough Car Opening

I am a practicing locksmith and I am glad to be a member of *The National Locksmith*. I was called by a woman who was pretty excited. She had stopped her car in the driveway to check the mail. She left her door open



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and the car running and the wind blew the door shut with her dog inside.

I told her I would be right out. When I got there she was pretty calm which I was glad for. This was a 1984 Lincoln Continental with electric slide locks. I checked the inside latches and wondered if my under the glass tool might just get inside. I wanted to be calm and professional, but when I got my tool stuck in the door I turned a little green around the ears.

In the meantime her dog was trying to bite me through the window glass. By this time she was feeling bad for me as I was beginning to believe I wasn't going to get my tool back. But using all the professionalism I had left, I got my tool back.

I went to the truck and happened to find a Continental instruction page. I got the right tool and proceded to open the door. When I finally hit the magic spot, the door popped open. The dog headed for me and I slammed the door again to keep the monster away from me. As I was picking up my hardware the dog got to me. I am glad he was small because his nips at my legs didn't hurt as bad as much as they scared me.

I received my pay and started toward the truck. Lo and behold here came the dog for me again. I'm 57 years old, but I outran the little bugger to the truck. The only good thing about the whole deal was that the lady was happy and is now aware that the newer models are more difficult to open.

I enjoy and look forward to The National Locksmith each month.

James Davis South Carolina

Locksmith Praises Flat Rate Manual

The Flat Rate Manual is a great job... well done. Your interpretation of a Flat Rate Manual looks well thought out for most shops for the average type of work that most of us do. As a former printer/typographer/publisher I am impressed with the quality of the paper used, the binder and the over-all style. In my own copy I will add tabbed pages so that I can get to each section quickly.

May I thank the author on behalf of the whole Locksmithing Industry for adding this much needed item to our arsenal of business survival. Now your job has just begun. The follow-up is to get the whole industry to use the book ...and to use it wisely. I believe that the use of your book can become a force to raise the public's image of us. I've raised our image in the eyes of my clients by appearing on the job site dressed in shirt and tie with a blazer. It is easy to use a smock to keep clean.

And when I use *The Flate Rate* Manual For Locksmiths I find that the customers rarely argue about my prices, which are a bit higher than most. Keep up the good work.

Wynn Kessler California

TNL Code Books Deemed 'Just Right'

Thank you for your faxed response to my inquiry about the NFCB code set. The National Locksmith set appears to be just right for our needs at this point in one of our shops, particularly with the annual update feature. We also love the magazine!

Ron Lee Tasmania



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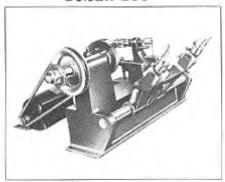
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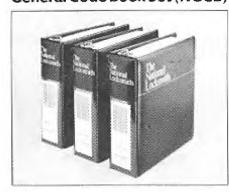
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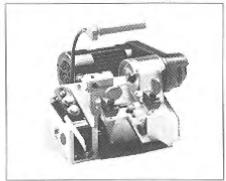
General Code Book Set (NGCB)



Seventh Prize

These three books contain 450,000 codes covering domestic lock and automobile codes.

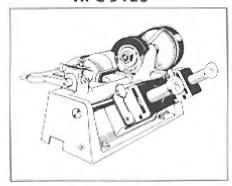
Silca Bravo USA



Second Prize

Locksmith designed, the Silca Bravo USA is a quality semi-automatic duplicator. Four-way jaws hold even the smallest keys as this. One of the most accurate key machines on the market.

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HPC's newest and most compact key cutting machine features reversible jaws. Double-sided copy dog cuts flat steel and safety deposit keys and has softy brush. Excellent versatile machine.

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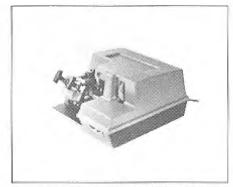
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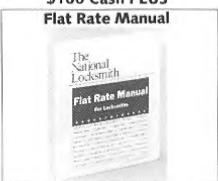
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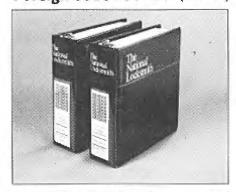
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Helpful Hints from Fellow Locksmiths



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by Robert Sleveking

Congratulations to all those who find their Technitips printed here this month. Thank you for your participation. Special congratulations to this month's winner.

Check out the contest prizes for 1990. Which prize will you claim next January? What will be your reward for the few moments you spend at the drawing board or the typewriter? Just don't stop at the copy machine on your way to the mailbox with that Technitip. Remember, you must submit your tip to The National Locksmith exclusively, to be eligible for prizes. You're probably asking yourself. "Where else would I send my best ideas?" There's no finer showcase for your Technical ideas than The National Locksmith magazine.

This month to encourage you to send your tips, I have submitted one of my own which appears this issue. Of course, I can't reward myself a prize. But I'd love to give you one!

February's Best Tip

This Technitip concerns removing the door trim pad on the GM "N" body autos (i.e. Calais, Somerset or Grand Am). These cars have the standard mushroom type fasteners as well as concealed phillips head screws. In addition, the trim pad is fastened with some retainers that are affixed to the upper edge of the trim pad, and enter the door vertically from the top of the trim pad. These vertical clips will break off of the trim pad if the pad is not removed properly.

The easy way to do this is to take a standard cotter key extractor as seen in illustration one, and lift the inside molding off of the inner door frame. This will leave room for the pad to slide straight up after the other fasteners have been released. Simply insert the extractor under the jamb end of the molding and slowly lift the molding up. The retaining clips on the molding release easily, and will allow you

A cotter key extractor, which resembles a heavy scratch awl with a 90° bend at the tip,

makes a fine tool for uremoving auto door trim.

Illustration 1

ample room to remove the trim pad.

The pad is relatively simple to remove if you follow this tip. If not, you will break the retainers off the pad, and they will have to be epoxied back in place to make the pad fit properly.

Thomas Mazzone Illinois

My Technitip is for a really simple roll-up gate lock. Recently, we needed a special locking device for the roll up gates of an area school that we service. The locks that were installed in the gate

How To Enter

All you need to do to enter is submit a tip, covering any aspect of locksmithing to *The National Locksmith*. Certainly, you have a favorite way of doing things that you'd like to share with other locksmiths. Why not write it down and submit it to: Robert Sieveking, Technitips' Editor, *The National Locksmith*, 1533 Burgundy Parkway, Streamwood, IL 60107.

Tips submitted to other industry publications will not be eligible! So get busy and send in your tips today! You may win cash, merchandise, or even one of many key machines or code book sets! At the end of the year, we choose the winners of the listed prizes.

Last year dozens of people walked off with money and prizes. Wouldn't you like to be one of the prize winners for 1990? Enter today! It's a lot easier than you think!

Every Tip Wins 'Locksmith Bucks!'

Yes, every tip published wins a prize. But remember, you must submit your tip to *The National Locksmith* exclusively. Each and every tip published in Technitips wins you \$25.00 in Locksmith Bucks! Use this spendable cash toward the purchase of any books or merchandise from *The National Locksmith*. You also receive a Bonded Locksmith bumper sticker, decal and patch. Plus you are now eligible for the really big prizes!

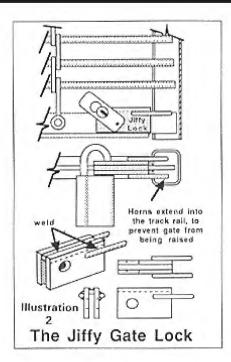
Best Tip of the month prizes!

If your tip is chosen as the best tip of the month, you will win \$50.00 in cash as well as \$35.00 in Locksmith Bucks! Plus you will receive a quartz Locksmith watch, a Bonded Locksmith bumper sticker, decal, patch and a Locksmith Cap. Plus, you may win one of the annual prizes.

fabric were just not worth repairing. After a little consideration, and some discussion with the boss, we came up with the "jiffy gate lock.

Illustration two shows the Jiffy Gate Lock. It's a weld project that takes only about a half hour to complete. The side plates of the clip were made from ¼" plate and the horns are ¼" steel rod. A piece of ¼" rod was welded between the side plates as shown. This spaced them apart, so they would slip easily over the "T" bar at the bottom of the pull down gate. The horns were then welded to the outside of the clip, and a horn was drilled through the side plates to easily accommodate a standard padlock shackle.

Because there were a number of gates that needed to be locked, it was important that the installation be as



simple and fast as possible. That's why we call this the "Jiffy" gate lock. To install the lock, simply pull the gate down all the way and lay the clip over the "T" rail, as it will be when it is installed. Slide the clip against the vertical channel and mark the locations for the holes in the channel. Lift the gate and drill two clearance holes for the 1/4" horns of the clip. Close the gate again, and install the clip onto the rail and slide the horns into the vertical gate channel. Mark the location on the "T" rail for the padlock shackle clearance hole. Remove the clip and drill the channel. The hole should be large enough to easily slip the shackle through the clip and gate rail. Install the gate lock and padlock it in place. I would recommend that the gate be locked down on both sides to prevent the lifting.

The Jiffy Gate Lock did not require any welding on the gate or in the school, and nothing was installed in the floor or wall that could become a "trip hazard" for the students. By using padlocks, we were able to key the gate locks to the school's master-key system. When the gates are unlocked the locks and clips are removed by the custodian, leaving no way a student can lock the gates down as a practicaljoke,

Bob Sieveking Technical Editor

I would like to enter this tip in your 1990 Technitips contest. For many years I have used this method for laying out a door for drilling, and find it most useful. By copying the paper guide that comes with most locksets onto a piece of sheet metal, you will have a permanent guide for locating the cross bore and edge bore holes of a cylindrical lockset. Bend the metal carefully, so that it can be hooked over the edge of the door.

Another guide, made from a piece of %" steel, can be made with a 1½" or 2½" hole, and used to pilot your hole saw if you are called to correct a do-ityourself job gone bad or enlarge an existing hole to accomodate a new lockset. Simply clamp the guide to the door at the correct location and redrill the hole. This drill guide will keep your hole saw from wandering and give you an accurately spaced hole where purchased drill guides are either too bulky or too large to be clamped to the door, (See illustration 3.)

A piece of thin rubber gasket material glued to the inside of this drill guide



Installation Tools

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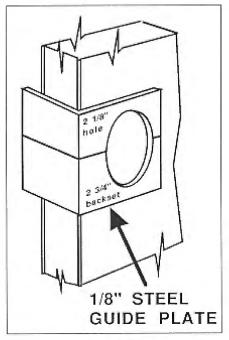


Illustration 3

will prevent it from slipping when clamped to a metal door. The pad also prevents the guide from marking the painted surface of the door. (Don't forget to pad any clamps used.)

John Berg South Carolina

When picking a Schlage lockset at the bench, I have on a number of occasions, had the tension tool pop out of the keyway just as the lock is picked, but before the knob retainer can be depressed to remove the knob. This of course relocks the cylinder and requires the lock to be picked again. The frustration created by this type of situation is what drives mere mortals to drill.

This Technitip is in the form of a discovery. I discovered that if you depress the latch retractor slide with your thumb after the lock is picked, the keyway will stay in any position you want and make knob removal much easier. This tip will also work with other brands similar in design to the Schlage.

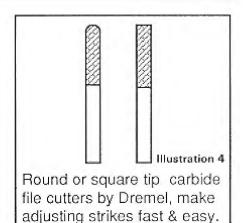
T.R. Taylor Colorado

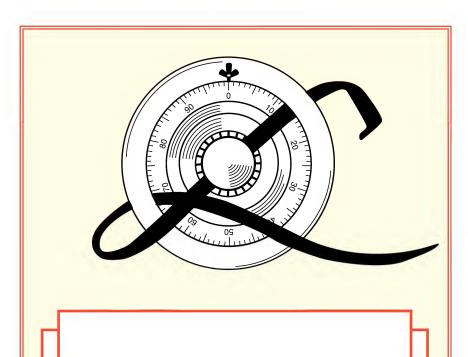
This tip concerns an excellent way to enlarge and shape the hole in the strike plate of a latch or deadbolt lock. Many times, as the weather changes with the seasons, a lock that was properly installed and worked easily in the summer, will no longer latch as the winter chill changes the door alignment. Most times a little adjustment in the size of the latch hole will allow the

door to work freely again. This adjustment method does not require removal of the strike plate, only takes a few seconds and leaves a better appearance than filing or chiseling the strike plate and jamb.

If you use a Dremel Moto-Tool with the solid carbide file cutter (see illustration 4), the metal strike plate and the wood behind it can be shaped to perfection without any trouble at all. You will find the carbide cutter a little more expensive, but the higher cost is well worth the results.

Be careful to keep the sides of the





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strike hole straight as you enlarge it. Do not force the tool, and as always, wear your safety glasses.

Michael Jorden Ohio

For a more professional appearance, and to make it easier to find the correct tools, this Technitip is a method of organizing the High Tech 1700 tool kit.

Though the carry case is designed to hold all the tools, it is very frustrating to sort through all the different tools to find a specific one. If you will make three pallets (see photograph 5), your case will stay neat and organized. By



5. Make three pallets for organization.

keeping your tools organized, you will be able to find the correct tool in a flash,

The pallets are made of 1/8" wood paneling material. Wide elastic straps, available in most fabric stores, are pop riveted to the panels to hold the tools securely in place. The High Tech encyclopedia binder is held in the top of the case by two leather straps, which are also pop riveted to the carry case. Use large washers to reinforce the case and straps where you pop riveted them together. This will prevent the strap from tearing loose.

Jean F. Mannix Illinois

This tip is for a nifty way of hiding a key on an auto. With so much plastic on today's cars and trucks, the magnetic boxes are becoming harder and harder to place. To conceal the key, remove or loosen the license plate and using a piece of duct tape, seal the key to the back of the plate. Tighten the license plate back in place. The possibility of the key falling or being bounced out of its hiding place is very remote. If you need the spare key, loosen or bend the license plate to reveal the hiding

place.

Hansen Texas

Here's a Technitip concerning the new style GM tilt steering column. One of my manuals refers to the removal of the tilt spring retainer by using a ¼" flat blade screwdriver. I find that a number three phillips driver works much better as it engages all four corners of the retainer hole.

The manual also states that you should use a screwdriver or needle nose pliers to remove the buzzer switch. I find that the best method for me is to use the hook of my "transmission pick" and go for the small tab on the right of the buzzer switch. The short bend at the tip of the pick can be eased behind the tab and the buzzer switch lifted straight out without damage. (See illustration 6.)

The most important part of this tip is that the steering wheel must be in the tilted up position in order to get at the buzzer switch and thus the cylinder retaining screw. I have found that my manual is one of the most complete instruction on these columns, but there is no mention of having the wheel in the "up" position.

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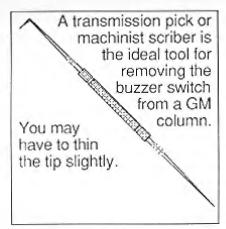


Illustration 6

Robert R. Larson South Carolina

I recently had a call to convert a double cylinder deadbolt for single cylinder operation. The owner wanted the deadbolt to operate with a turn button from the inside, but save the option of converting the lock back to a double cylinder in the future. The solution as shown in illustration seven is the subject of this Technitip.

Top pins (drivers) and springs were only installed in the second and fourth positions of the cylinder. The key was

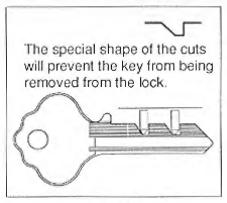


Illustration 7

cut with a moderately deep cut, but the ramps on the key were shaped like those shown in the illustration. This prevented the key from being removed from the cylinder. The modification to the inside cylinder can be reversed at any time. Simply remove the key and recombinate the cylinder for normal operation.

Juanita Ramsey Texas

As we give consideration to hiding a spare key to prevent a lockout, I submit the following Technitip as a neat way for the handicapped to have a bit of

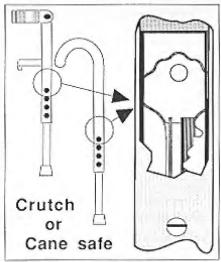


Illustration 8

security without risking the possibility of a lockout. This tip may not be adaptable to every situation, but it has been a great help for those I've made them for. I call it a crutch or cane safe. The only materials needed are a ½" × 3" plastic pill bottle (with a screw top) and a few minutes of time to modify a key to fit into the container. You will have to trim the sides of a standard house key if it is to fit into a ¾" bottle. (See illustration 8.)

Remove the adjustable portion of



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the cane, and insert the "safe" into the hollow body of the cane. Reassemble the cane, and the cane safe will be captured until you need it.

J.F. LaBerge Canada

Editor's Note: If you charge a dollar and a quarter for the key, roll up the quarter in the dollar bill, and insert it into the pill bottle with the key. Explain to your customer that the dollar keeps the key from rattling and the quarter is for the phone. If you have your shop name and phone number stamped on the key, show it to your customer and explain that if they need any further service just call. Don't worry about the money, it'll come back.

My Technitip is about the Mercedes single sidewinder (2-track laser cut) keys and locks. I have had a number of customers complain of intermittent operation of the locks. The symptoms are that the ignition lock hangs up, and cannot be turned to the on position. Remove and reinsert the key or wiggle the key and the lock will work. Once the plug is turned, the lock works freely. The problem is wear in the lock

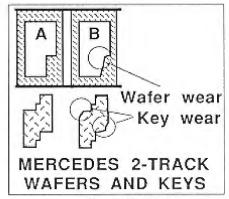


Illustration 9

wafers and the key. (See illustration 9.) Original Mercedes keys are steel, so the wear is greater in the lock and wafers than on the key.

The best solution for this problem is to replace the ignition lock cylinder. The lock can be purchased through the Mercedes dealer but only by the car's owners. Locks ordered through a Mercedes dealer are ordered by the VIN number of the auto, and will come properly keyed. This ignition lock cannot be economically serviced, as the hardened lock face is pinned in place.

A good temporary solution to the problem is to duplicate the customers' key. By duplicating the key, the worn edges are restored. This tip will give good results in most cases, but avoid callbacks by suggesting that the owner have the ignition lock replaced.

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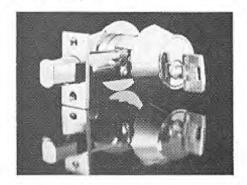
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ASSA Introduces A High Security Deadbolt

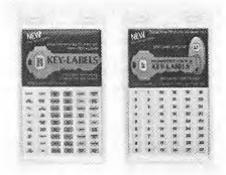
The solidly constructed, UL-listed ASSA® 6000 High Security Deadbolt has been designed to withstand any form of physical attack, including picking, drilling, prying, driving or pulling. Constructed of solid steel and brass, it features a rigid bolt mechanism consisting of a seamless bolt housing which surrounds a hardened solid steel bolt, hardened to approximately 68 Rockwell for maximum sawing protection.

It has a full I" throw to resist prying; a tapered, free-spinning cylinder guard ring that defies wrench attack; a solid steel high security strike that installs deeply within the door frame and attaches to the building structure to defy physical attack; and \(\frac{1}{2} \)" aircraft-strength cylinder mounting bolts that are concealed within the cylinder housing and which secure one cylinder to another for added protection.



Vinyl Key-Labels™ Identify Keys

Self-adhesive vinyl key labels which are designed to stick to any type of key have been introduced by Ke-Master, a leading manufacturer of key control systems. Two different packets of key labels are available, each with 132 color-coded labels packaged in clear clamshell cases and supplied in 48-case counter displays.



One packet contains numbered labels for matching keys and locks (two each of numbers 1 to 66). The other packet contains 132 "designated use" labels, color-coded for frequent use (e.g., garage) or infrequent use (e.g., thermostat). The key labels are supplied in master cartons, each of which contains six 48-case shippable counter displays.

Arrow Distributes New Hardware Catalog

An updated architectural hardware catalog is now available containing complete information on all Arrow locks, exit devices, door closers, alarms and interchangeable core products. It includes detailed specification data plus descriptive information on functions, finishes, accessories and packaging. Numerous photographs illustrate the various designs for easy reference in meeting your requirements. The new binder design facilitates accessibility on your shelf.





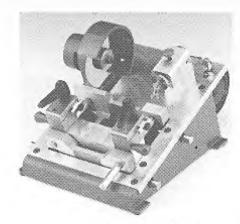
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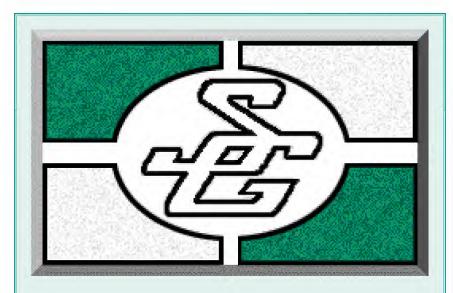
Precision Product's Flat Key Duplicator

The "Half-Time" manufactured by Precision Products, Inc., is a flat SDB Duplicator designed to cut a pair of keys at the same time.

Its "X-Y" design provides the accuracy and the ease of use of a mini milling machine. Options include four different solid carbide cutter widths: .055", .062", .072" and .088". A flexible work light and 12-VDC motor is included. The "Half-Time" is an American-made product.



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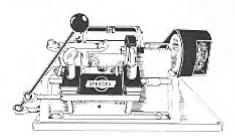


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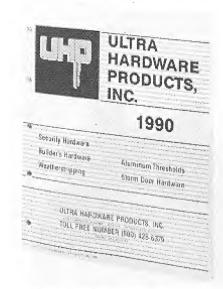
This new machine has all the design features of the 9160 MC except it is operated by a lever. This design allows the carriage to move smoothly with the use of one hand when cutting keys. The 9170 MC is designed to cut large head keys (such as hotel keys) and has reversible jaws for cutting double sided keys (such as foreign automotive or cash register keys). The reversible copy dog allows you to cut flat steel keys, when the optional side milling slotter cutter wheel (CW-45SMS) and washer (9100-6B) are purchased. This machine is available with a 12-volt motor for mobile use.



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Ultra Hardware Catalog Published

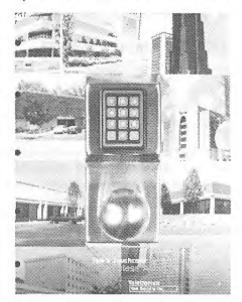
The Ultra Hardware Products 1990 catalog contains 160 pages of the most popular replacement hardware, building specialties, security products and weatherstripping, available from any single source. The publication also contains a price structure that is one of the most competitive in the industry. The new catalog is available free of charge and without obligation.



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Yaletronics Introduces Touchcode® Brochure

A new four-page, four-color brochure detailing the Touchcode® keyless electronic access system has been introduced by the Yaletronics division of Yale Security Inc. The brochure highlights features and provides technical and application information on this self-contained, battery-powered, keypad unit which combines the security of a mechanical lock with the versa-



tility of electronics.

Features outlined in the brochure include: Touchcode's six-digit code which provides one million possible combinations; the "Management" combination which permits quick and easy activation or de-activation of any code; and the optional mechanical key override feature.

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Safety Lock-Outs By Direct Safety Co.

Cast aluminum lock-outs and color coded padlocks are available from Direct Safety Co. to comply with OSHA



Lock-Out standards. Lock-outs prevent start-up of power to equipment being serviced, and can be attached to power start-up mechanisms of equipment manufactured to OSHA standards, or to a central breaker box. Available in three sizes, Direct Safety's lock-outs are designed to accept up to six padlocks, and are vinyl finished for electrical installation. They prevent accidents and pilferage but can be forced by informed personnel in seconds if necessary.

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Hirsch Appoints Locksmith Distribution

Hirsch Electronics has appointed several locksmith wholesale distributors to handle its exclusive line of Digital Access Control Systems. American Lock and Supply has all models of Hirsch currently in stock and has successfully held product training seminars with Hirsch factory representatives at all of its facilities during the Fall of 1989. Additional distributors will be added early in 1990.

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SRi and Steve Young are working together to bring you the best in locksmith tools and supplies.

Dorma Bulletin Highlights Cam Action Closer

A four-color bulletin from Dorma Door Controls, Inc. describes the Dorma TS 93 series closer.

Designed to complement an array of architecturally designed door openings, the narrow projection door closer blends attractively with its surroundings. The two-page brochure describes the closer's innovative cam and roller mechanism which helps to open doors easier



than traditional rack and pinion engineering. Adjustable backcheck and hold open capability are also fully described.

The TS 93 brochure contains full product descriptions, technical specifications and drawings, certification information, and a complete listing of closer finishes.

Circle 201 on Rapid Reply

New England Safe's Internal Control Safe

New England Safe presents a key



operated safe which allows the locksmith to easily change the key combination immediately. A specifically designed safe offers internal control for temporary deposits of cash and checks made during day or night operations.

Four model sizes are available with either slot or shutter openings, and protective baffle teeth and relocking device. Safes have pre-drilled bolt down holes for fastening under counters, on walls, etc. near cash registers or out of sight.

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ESP Keyblank Catalog Is Now Available

ESP Corporation announces the publication of their new Keyblank Catalog, #KBM-90. This expanded 40-page catalog is completely up-to-date with ESP's full line of cylinder and domestic automotive keys shown in size-for-size detail and features new sections on the hotel, nickel-silver and plain-coin lines. A new cross-reference comparison listing has been added that shows domestic and foreign auto keys that are used by U.S. auto makers.

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Electric Strike Installation

"The electric strike is neither a door opener nor a door unlocker. A regular strike is an obstruction for a latch. Here, the obstruction is electronically removed."



Send your lock and key questions to Jack Roberts, The National Locksmith, 1533 Burgundy Parkway, Streamwood, IL 60107.

by Jack Roberts

There are probably as many misconceptions among locksmiths about electric strikes as there are misconceptions among the general public about the type of lock on a door.

Through 20 years in the business, I have found most people when asked "What kind of lock do you have?" usually respond, "Oh, it's just a regular Yale lock, you know, the kind where

you put the key in."

The general usage of the term "electric door opener" by the public, as well as by many locksmiths and other installers, adds to the confusion that often occurs when talking about remote access control or specifically, electric strikes.

The electric strike is neither a door opener nor a door unlocker. A regular strike is an obstruction for a latch. Normally the latch is retracted by turning a knob or pressing a lever. This removes it from the obstruction and allows the door to be opened.

With an electric strike the latch obstruction is removed and there is no action by the latch. The lock is still locked, the latch is extended, but the door opens when physical pressure is applied while the strike is being activated.

It is not intended for this article to teach a course in basic electricity. Rather, I wish to emphasize that electric strike installation involves a bit more than cutting an opening in a door frame, pulling some wires and hooking up a button and transformer.

Installation is just a few simple steps, but the pre-installation planning is vitally important to a properly installed and trouble-free electric strike.

Although there are many models, shapes and forms of electric strikes from a wide range of manufacturers, there are only two basic methods of























operation or control: armature or solenoid. To understand the difference between these two items, consider they are both formed from coils of wire. A short winding coil is an armature and a long winding coil is a solenoid. The length of this wire determines which is

An example of a strike is a standard doorbell with a clapper that rapidly strikes a bell when power is applied and continues to ring as long as the circuit is closed. Remove the cover and look at the windings. This is an armature. (See photograph 1.)

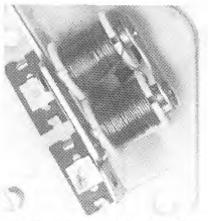
Now, think about the type of door-

bell that is not a bell but a chime or ding-dong type of alarm. Remove the cover and look at the windings, and you'll see this is a solenoid. (See photograph 2.) If there is only one sounding bar, it is a "ding" type. With two sounding bars, the bell makes a "ding-dong"

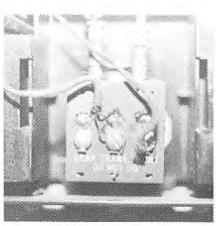
By applying continuous pressure to a doorbell button, no further sound is heard, other than the initial ding, because the striker is being held in position by the solenoid. When the button is released and pressure is no longer being applied, a spring moves the striker back to its original position and if there

is another sounding bar, it makes the dong. Power on, ding, power off, dong.

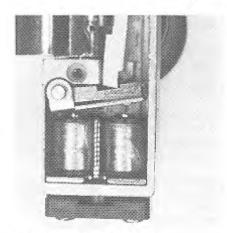
Intermittent and continuous duty are two terms applicable to electric strikes. Let's go back and consider the doorbells again. It is stated the armature type will continue to ring as long as the button is being pressed, and this is true, but only up to a certain point. The armature, with its shorter windings, has a low resistance and consequently, a higher current consumption. This combination creates excessive heat in the coil which causes it to burn out causing the bell to stop ringing. This is called intermittent duty. (See photo-



An armature inside a standard doorbell.



2. A solenoid inside an alarm bell.



3. An intermittent duty strike.



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gragh 3.) The ding-dong solenoid type with its long windings has a high resistance and a low current consumption creating only moderate heat when the button is held closed for a long period of time. This is continuous duty. (See photograph 4.)



4. A continuous duty strike.

When planning for the job, determine the expected usage, select the proper strike, and decide whether intermittent or continuous duty will be used. Also, some solenoid type strikes are not rated as continuous duty so don't think because it is a solenoid you have a CD type of strike.

The voltage rating is another consideration vitally important to a properly installed and trouble-free electric strike. A strike must have a certain amount of power to operate properly. Electric power is measured in watts.

Some armature type doorbells give out a clattering soft type of racket rather than a clear, firm and distinct ring. Or, some solenoid type doorbells emit a dung-dung rather than a loud ding-dong. These conditions can be caused by one or several factors, but the main reason for the intermittent operation is lack of operating power.

Now apply this same thinking to an electric strike. If there is not enough power, the electric strike will operate erratically. The causes for this inconsistant operation range from the transformer not being the right size for the job to the right size transformer with wire too small to carry the load.

The small size wire is only allowing about half of the amperage that started from the transformer to reach the strike. One solution to this problem could be to increase the voltage rating of the strike and the transformer which will allow the smaller size wire to carry the load.

Look at some of the questions that need to be considered in planning for an ES installation. What type of strike is needed? Continous or intermittent, noisy or silent, fail-safe or fail-secure, AC or DC? Where is it be installed? Wood, steel, aluminum, masonry or a combination of any of these materials? Where is the switch (button) to be installed? What size transformer is to be used? Where is the transformer to be installed? What is the length of wire run, in feet? What size wire should be used? What type wire, solid or stranded? What obstacles and/or obstructions will be encountered? Will the wiring run through a plenum? (This is the



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dead air space between a drop ceiling and a ceiling.) Some codes may require that Teflon covered wire be used in plenum.

Some of the tools that are handy and often most essential in making an installation are a good flashlight (with extra batteries), a fish tape (or two), bell hanger bits, extension bits, extra long flexible bits, a good roll of electrical tape, a roll of string (20-30 feet), a length of beaded chain (20-30 feet), a small magnet that can be attached to a flexible rod, and a couple of wire coat hangers.

Actual installation will usually begin at the strike location and the manufacturers' instructions should be followed precisely. (Some strikes require perfect vertical alignment with the latch for proper operation.) It may be necessary to drill a hole at the rear of the strike cavity to gain access to the wall space; make it large enough to see into.

If the wall is non-bearing, there might be a straight shot down to the strike location, but there will probably be an obstruction or two. Use the extension or long bit drill through these obstructions. Drop one end of the beaded chain, weighted string or fish tape, down to the area of the strike and fish for it with the magnet on the flexible rod or hook it with a piece of bent coat hanger wire.

Attach the supply wire securely to the pull, pulling the wire up through the wall. From here pull directly to the switch and then to the transformer, or you may go to the transformer first and then to the switch.

After surveying the job and doing the necessary planning, the installation should go rather smoothly but surprises may abound.

A few general rules to help installation go smoothly are as follows. The transformer and strike voltage should be the same. The transformer VA (watts) should be slightly higher than the VA required for the strike. If a full-wave bridge rectifier is to be used, it is generally best and easier to install it at the transformer. Number 18 wire, solid or strand, can usually be used for most installations. Nothing smaller than 18 should be used.

Solid wire is best to use but stranded wire is easier to pull in many areas. Attach the wire securely to the string, beaded chain or fish tape. A flashlight in the strike area can be helpful in determining if all obstructions have been penetrated. If looking down from the top of the wall the light is seen, the penetration was successul.



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Troubleshooting Electronic Systems

"You want to know where every piece of the system is, and personally try it out. At this time you are looking at the components for obvious wear or damage."



by James Marshall

Most progressive locksmiths have found that basic electrical theory and the right tools for the job proved invaluable when troubleshooting any access control system. When combined with experience, these form a solid basis for accurate and efficient evaluation of access control problems.

First let's look at some of the tools needed to do the job. One word of caution: your preference for types of tools may be different than mine. There is a lot of good equipment available to suit every taste.

Some kind of volt ohm meter is essential. I prefer an auto-ranging digital multimeter, as do most technicians who have used one. Digital is preferred over analog (the kind with a needle) due to the ease with which it can be read, among other things. Auto-ranging is nice because it further reduces the work you must do before the meter will give you the desired information.

An auto-ranging digital meter can be purchased for as little as \$35, or as much as \$400. Radio Shack has a folding unit which will probably do everything a locksmith needs for \$69.95 (it goes on sale a couple of times a year for a little less).

Devising a special set of test leads is also helpful. This can be done by buying alligator clips for the tips of your probes. You may find the slip-on type will pull off at inopportune moments, which is why I cut the probes off of a spare set of test leads and soldered on the alligator clips.

You will also need an assortment of electrical connectors, a pair of crimpers, cutters, and strippers. A soldering gun is useful, but not necessary. When you splice wire, using these items will make you work look more professional and make more effective joints.

No matter how small or simple this system, you can save time when you have a logical plan of attack. One of the most common and time consuming plans is to check each component, one at a time, until a bad one is found. This is also known as the beat your head against the wall plan. It usually works fine for small systems, and becomes habit after a few successes. The frustration comes when you begin to deal with more and more complex systems. Two or more questionable components "working" together can give strange symptoms.

The plan I use is to survey, then divide and conquer. During the survey stage you try to quickly find out as much as you can from the people that work at the location. You want to know where every piece of the system is, and personally try it out. At this time you are also looking at the components and wiring for obvious defects or physical abuse. The symptoms you uncover can tell you where to divide the system, but there is no set of rules cast in concrete for all occasions.

One objective is to remove from the system as many known good and known bad components as possible, before testing the rest of the system. The other objective is to divide the system and test each half. Find the bad half. Take the bad half and divide it in half. Find the bad quarter. Depending on the situation, this way can be the quickest method for fault isolation.

In our sample system, you pushed on the strike on the way into the office, and found it to be in good condition mechanically. The secretary tells you there is one button under her desk, and it is "broken." You find the power supply plugged in next to her desk. There is no output voltage and it is cold. There is 117 volts at the outlet. At this point you could hook up a new power supply, but it would be more prudent to first see if there was a problem remaining in the system that might destroy the new supply.

Disconnect the strike and check its resistance. Compare this to the manufacturer's specifications or a "known" good strike of the same make and model. This one reads 200 ohms, and is within 10% of the good one. This is well within the limits of the old supply, so we want to check the wiring for a short. With the strike and power supply disconnected, hook the meter up to check the wiring. It reads infinite resistance, but when you push the switch under the secretary's desk the meter reads 12 ohm.

Now you know to check the wiring between the switch and the power supply, because if there had been a fault between the strike and the switch the meter would have read something other than infinity before and after the switch was pushed. While following the wires, you notice that one of the legs of her desk is sitting on some wires. After replacing the crushed wires, the meter reads infinte ohms whether or not the switch is pushed. Now replace the power supply, re-connect the strike, and test. The probability is good that while you are writing the bill the secretary will tell you "isn't it strange that the door opener hasn't worked ever since the day the guys moved my desk."

The reason the power supply in this case was blown was that once the insulation on the wiring was crushed, it saw a load of 12 ohms at all times. Since current = voltage/resistance, 24V 12 Ω =2 Amps. A power supply rated for 1 or 1.5 amps (plenty for a Rofu or Trine strike) would self destruct before the strike was ever actuated under these conditions.

As for the electrical theory, I suggest that everyone take an introductory class at their local junior college or

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Locking Products

There is quite a variety available to the locksmith in terms of electronic locking products. Such devices as electronic strikes, access control systems, and electromagnetic locks can help you compete with the large security companies. At the same time, your existing commercial accounts can now use your services for their access needs as well.

This product review section displays only an overview of the products currently made available to you. Look carefully through this section and request more information on those items which interest you.

It is also important to remember that many of the manufacturers who make these products conduct training seminars to teach you how to install and service the products. Many of these seminars are free. Contact those companies in which you are interested to find out how you can be trained in the product line. They will be happy to help you.

Also, recall that the various distributors who sell these products can often be a valuable resource for installation and service information. It is clear that electronic locking has found its place in the market. Be sure not to let this profitable area of locksmithing pass you by.

AHCI's New Gemini Keypad

The programmable, new Gemini security keypad from Architectural Control Systems, Inc. provides security, reliability and peace-of-mind in virtually any access control situation.

Featuring numerical scrambling technology, a limited viewing angle and four locking modes, ACSI's new Gemini 1370 keypad combines state-of-the-art technology with affordable convenience to deliver high-quality performance and security.



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DoorGuard States Lifetime Guarantee

DoorGuard has announced a lifetime guarantee on their electromagnetic lock 2001.

The 2001 electromagnetic lock has an on boardterminal wiring block, AC/DC rectifier, field selectable for either 12 or 24 volts, has zero residual magnetism, surge protector, and 1200 pounds holding force.

The DoorGuard 2001 can be optionalized with LED, bond sensing, power monitoring, door status, and a built in key switch.



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Door Systems Inc.'s Thin Door Locks

Of the seven models of the Digital Door Lock's 2000 series, the model 2000 readily adapts to thin door or cabinet installations. The 2200 can be installed for a surface (rim), or mortise strike application on doors from 1/16" to 2 3/16" thick. Featuring an outside turn knob, inside thumbturn, two, four layer laminated stainless steel throwbolts (one 1/4" and one 21/4" long), this lock is installed by drilling three 5/16" holes.



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DynaLock's New Electromagnetic Lock

The #3000 Series electromagnetic lock from Dyna-Lock Corp. offers a certified 1500 pounds holding force magnet mounted in a onepiece aluminum housing that slides into position on a unique Tee-Track with no visible mounting seams or screws.

The advanced coil and circuitry design accepts 12/24 AC/DC input voltage, built-in spike suppression, lock/door status indication and is available in popular architectural finishes and custom housing that span an entire opening.



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Vandal Resistant Locks From ELS

For those installations requiring a very high vandal resistance, the MED500 series extra heavy duty exit paddles/push buttons from Magnetronics are designed for use as station controls in actuating fail safe and fail secure locks and in other electrical systems requiring low voltage normally open or in normally closed momentary switching.

Features DPST switches to increase reliance and provide a measure of confidence that a system will work as intended.



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Electric Lock Supply Company

Electric Lock Supply is a national wholesale distributing company for the access control and peripheral hardware market. They also have consultants that can assist you with technical advice as you need it. They offer one stop shopping for the electronic access control market. As a volume company, prices are determined by how much a company purchases. The more product purchased, the more of a discount is offered.

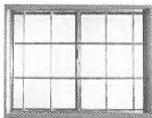
They have a large supply of products for your convenience, such as Security Door Controls, Securitron. Folger Adams, Adams Rite, and much more.

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G.R.I. Telemark's Window Protection

Unigard Window Protective Systems from G.R.I. Telemark are a unique protective set of window bars that have an alarm device to detect intruders but are also easily and quickly removable in case of fire or other danger. They can be wired to the 24 hour zone at the panel so windows can be opened or closed with the alarm onwith no false alarms.

The classic look of French windows gives 24 hour protection are are supplied in kit form for quick assembly or bulk length for custom applications.



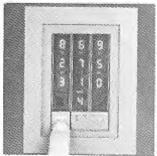
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Hirsch Updates ScrambleLock

Hirsch has recently updated its line of Scramble-Lock Digital Access Systems.

The SL24+ includes the capability to control one or two doors for up to eight user codes. Each code can be assigned to an individual user or to a group of users with the same access authority.

The SL24+ also includes an internal clock/calender which enables the security manager to restrict access to the building during specified time periods of selected days of the week.



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LSE's Heavy Duty Pushbuttons

Locknetics Security Engineering introduces the 601 and 602 Series heavy duty pushbuttons designed to withstand high use applications.

Moving parts are of hardened steel, with positive stop action to prevent stress or overtravel of switch components. Pushbuttons are available in single gang unit 601, or narrow style 602 series for installation on 134" narrow style frame applications.



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No. Computers' Custom Keypad

Northern Computers, Inc. has recently announced the development of a keypad that actively admits access with an issued number sequence, eliminating the need for carrying cards or issuing keys.

Immediate delivery now available, the KP-9 keypad provides complete security while maintaining convenience for the client. Programmed number sequences are stored in the keypad, and access is admitted only when the correct sequence is entered.



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OSI Security's Doorlock

OSI Security Devices has expanded the OmniLock™ brand of computerized access control doorlocks to include handicap-lever, interchangeable core, and mortise-lock configurations for a variety of on-the-door installations.

Each OmniLock records the date, time and identity of 250 entrants through the use of individually assigned user codes, and provides for daily time scheduling of access levels. A handheld wireless printer is used to retrieve a 250 record audit log or to program an OmniLock with updated user and time schedule information.



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Preso-Matic's 8200 Series Locks

Preso-Matic offers keyless mechanical pushbutton combination door locks with a hardened steel deadlatch spring bolt. They lock automatically when a door is closed, and unlock from the exterior only when the correct combination is pressed. The four number combinations offer 10,000 possible combinations and seven number combination locks offer 10,000,000.

These locks allow instant one button exit from the interior by pressing a steel unlock button.

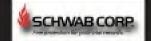


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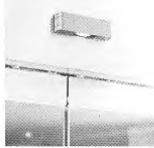


Optex OP-07 Access Door Sensor

The OP-07 series of P.I.R. detectors are designed for access control, automatic door operation and home or commercial automation.

Optex has designed an exclusive feature called Bi-Tec Sensing. This special circuit eliminates false alarms by sensing the temperature within the detection area and automatically adjusts the OP-O7's sensitivity.

The slim OP-07 mounts above the door and has seperate adjustments for sensitivity, area angle (4 positions) and width (5 positions).



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Rixson Presents Slim Lock

The Rixson-Firemark TigreLok electro-magnetic locking device is the slimmest, most aesthetic device yet designed to legally lock egress doors, according to the manufacturer.

The TigreLok 1700 Series keeps doors locked with 1,200 pounds of holding force. Locks in the series have a low-profile design that allows architecturally pleasing appearance and easier installation.

The devices provide safe, positive, instantaneous door control. They are ideal for use in schools, hospitals, hotels, warehouses, and auditoriums.



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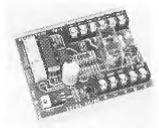


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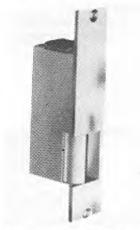
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Trine Products Corporation has introduced four new electric strike kits. The new 020 kit contains one #001 strike with one #122B transformer. The new 021 kit contains one #001 strike with a 16 volt-10 watt plug-in transformer. The 023 kit contains the durable 1001-2B strike with a 122B transformer. And the 024 kit has an 005 strike with a 122B transformer.



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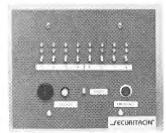
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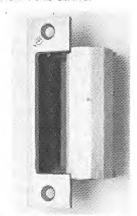
The LCP is delivered standard in a slope front desk mount console; optionally, the LCP may be ordered in a Nema 1 hinged wall-mount enclosure with key-lock; in a flush-plate with knockout equipped back-box; or in a 19" rack mount face plate.



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Yaletronics Debuts Touchcode® Book

A new four-page, fourcolor brochure detailing Touchcode® keyless electronic access system has been introduced by the Yaletronics division of Yale Security Inc.

The brochure highlights features and provides technical and application information on this self-contained, battery-powered, keypad unit which combines the security of a mechanical lock with the versatility of electronics.



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Dale Battles Pittsburgh

"I then proceeded to turn the dial while I put a little pressure on the opening handle. I did not feel any dial pressure or drag, as I should have."



by Dale Libby

One of my favorite challenges is to be called to work on a "new" brand of safe. I want to attack it in a logical manner. By not looking it up as soon as I get the job, I go out and see exactly what I can do from scratch and hopefully not make too many mistakes.

Recently I was called on to open a double door Pittsburg Safe and then make it inoperative. It was going to be used to store welding rod and other articles that did not need to be locked up, but rather stored in a convenient location. The customer and I set a fair price. I was getting the dial, ring, and locking mechanism as part of the bargain.

Arriving at the job site, I usually survey the safe first, before touching it. Looking at the dial, I saw it was a Sargent and Greenleaf lock with "Pittsburgh Safe" embossed on the dial ring. There was a blank area between 100 and 20 to compensate for the "forbidden zone," and a star acting as the dialing index. (See photograph 1.) It seemed to be a three wheel S&G lock, with the



1. The Pittsburgh dial and ring.

last turn "Right to Stop." Wrong!

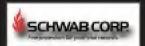
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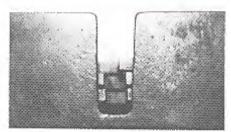




sure or drag (as I should have), because my turning pressure on the handle was too slight. I do this as matter of habit, but this time I missed the obvious. I assumed since this lock was an S&G lock, the wheels would not be affected by handle turning pressure. But in reality, as I found out later, with enough pressure exerted, the wheels were affected

At the start of my safe opening career, the drilling procedure was always to drill outside the dial ring and angle in from above. Take the reading received, and transfer the reading to the appropriate opening position, determined by the drive cam pick-up procedure. This sounds good in theory, and since I did not want to ruin this rather unique dial and ring, I took this approach.

Picking my spot for penetration, I drilled at one o'clock with a very shallow angle drill, approximately 10 degrees down. From the look of the safe, I assumed it was made before the turn of the century, and considering my past experiences, I knew the door would be very thick, and the lock extremely far back in the door. The first hole I drilled was perfect. At about 6½" back, I entered the lock case proper above the wheels, and inserted the borescope to yield a perfect view of all three wheels

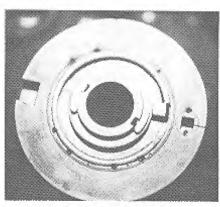


Gates in the wheels as seen from the bottom of the lock.

and the drive cam. (See photograph 2.)

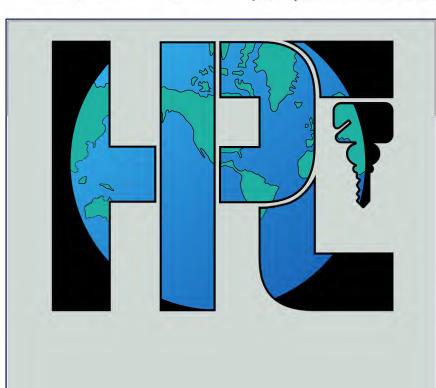
I determined the numbers of the combination swiftly, and then took a look at the drive cam. When I look at the drive cam in a lock, I notice the number on the dial. I then transfer the cam to the drop-in position and see how many numbers the cam gate is off from the hole I drilled. I add or subtract this number from the relative combination to get the actual combination. This method works well, making most openings easier and faster.

Looking at the dial, I assumed the drop-in would be between 100 and 20, hence the blank area. Well, I was surprised when I looked through the borescope and saw the drive cam without any gate or cut out at all. The drive cam was still round, with a bump on the outside of the cam, and on the inside the drive pin, but there was no cutout at all to gauge drop-in position. (See photograph 3.) Not only that, but looking hard, I could not see any lever, (which I was expecting because of the S&G lock and dial), or anything else that would account for the workings of the mechanism



 Third wheel of the lock. Note hub alignment mark and pin punch marks on hub and inner wheel.

If the drive cam had no cut out, it could not be part of the combination. Its only function was to turn the wheels of the lock. There was no right-to-stop motion, and most important, there was no forbidden zone. To make matters worse, I had no information in my books on the Pittsburgh Safe. (See photographs 4 and 5.)



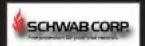
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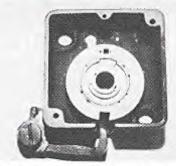




4 and 5. On the left is the outside view of the drive cam. On the right is the inside view with the stationary fly.

I got on the phone and called Little Tommy Powers to talk about the problem. He said he would look it up and see what some of the Old Masters might have to say about it. About the time he found the answer, I had figured out the secret too.

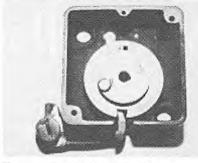
The safe was a direct drive type safe, not like Sentry, but similar to some early Herring-Hall-Marvin safes that used the bottom bolt bar to push up a lever from the bottom of the safe into the wheel pack proper. (Se photograph 6.) I did not have to know the exact position. By putting maximum pressure on the opening handle, I got a good reading on the third wheel. Remember, the drive cam had no cutouts, so the reading received was a combination number.



Lock in unlocked position. Lever action is similar to HHM safes.

Two minutes later, the safe was open. This lock case appeared interesting to me. It had a cut out in the bottom of the case for the lever to go in. Unlike some HHM units, the lever was to the left of the case at dead center bottom. If I had known what the lock was beforehand, I would have tried manipulating the safe open. When I first tried to manipulate the safe before drilling, I could not find the drop-in point. This is why I drilled. (See photograph 7.)

Apparently at one point, this safe needed repair. The third wheel was staked into position by several pin punch marks making rotation impossible. The key change combination hub was also staked to prevent wheel slippage. Each wheel was numbered from

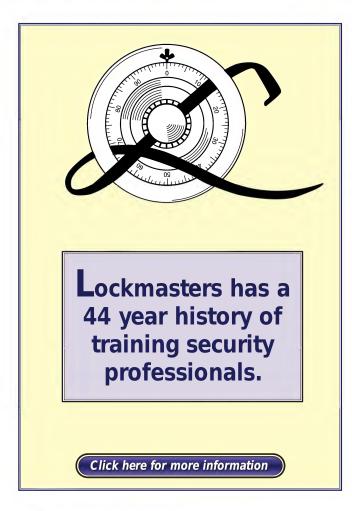


7. Lever forced into wheel pack.

one to three, with hub alignment marks to show when the wheels were correctly locked into position; the same as on current key change wheels.

I learned several things when I opened this safe, but the most important concept I learned is to "take nothing for granted." Just because a safe has one type of dial or ring, do not assume all safe opening methods are correct for that safe. Put pressure on the opening handle to check for wheel pressure or drag. Do not think there will be no pressure and make sure you find it.

This opening was easy, no hardplate, no repair, no problems, and it did make me think, instead of just looking up the answers and opening by routine. Open and prosper!





Confucious Say...

On The Lighter Side

"Who would believe that destiny could lie curled in the center of an almond flavored confection? Nevertheless, there it lay, waiting in the palm of Don's hand."



by Sara Probasco

For many years, I owned and operated a gourmet catering service. Although I sold that business long ago, I still find it difficult to pass up an opportunity to throw a party. For example, when Don and I learned that the Chinese New Year occurs in February, we decided to invite some friends

over to celebrate. It was a perfect time of year for entertaining. The harsh winter weather which followed our usual holiday season had everyone suffering from "cabin fever," so the idea blossomed into a welcome diversion for all.

Following a dinner of various oriental delights, I served a Mai Tai sorbet and fortune cookies. Who would believe that destiny could lie curled in the center of an almond-flavored confection? Nevertheless, there it lay, waiting to emerge into the palm of Don's hand. He broke the delicacy open with a crunch and extracted the imprinted strip of paper from its folds.

"Aha!" he exclaimed, "Listen to this.

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hidden treasure. What did I tell you?"

Now, to some, that message might have meant the advent of some great archeological find, or the discovery of some forgotten pirate's chest. To my husband, however, it was irrefutable reinforcement of the decision he had already made. He was determined to give up the sales business and follow his dream of becoming a locksmith.

Nearly 10 years have passed since we first approached the symbolic door behind which lay the predicted treasure-trove, and we are still trying to pick the lock that seals our fortune. That fact, however, has not diminished our delight in fortune cookies.

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noon and go home to write. Don and I use this as an excuse to have lunch together at a little Chinese restaurant across the street from our shop. At the end of the meal, we linger over tea and fortune cookies before going our separate ways.

The little slips of paper often wind up on our bulletin board, and our collection of sayings has become quite interesting. (Although we sometimes wonder about these predictions.) For example, one day last month my fortune stated, "Things may not turn out as badly as you think." How would you like to start your afternoon with that cheerful thought?

I must admit that I have heard of worse, "Hurry home. Your best friend is having an affair with your wife," appeared in the cookie of a friend at a recent party. "Be cheerful. After all, there is more to life than prosperity," was in another. Great party.

The fortunes we save are often more generic in nature, sometimes requiring interpretation. For example: Pray for good harvest, but continue to hoe. (Translation: Just because it looks like a good month coming up, that doesn't mean you can afford to get lazy.) Let words remain smaller than actions. (Translation: Don't let your mouth overload other parts of your body.) When arguing with a fool, be certain he is not similarly engaged. (Need I explain?) We have found that there are appropriate sayings for all occasions in life.

Our interest in the Chinese recently went beyond the weekly lunches and fortune cookies. We decided to have another party. Having purchased a murder-mystery game entitled "Hu Hung Woo," we invited three other couples to join us for an evening of food, fun and mystery. Everyone came in costume as befit the character which he or she had been asked to portray in the solving of the make-believe crime.

I carefully braided black panty hose into a pigtailed wig for Don and created Oriental eyes and a long, drooping mustache and beard with the help of latex, fake hair, and make-up. Dressed in a loose, embrodiered "happy coat," he looked every bit the ancient Chinese sage. Our guests dressed in a variety of appropriate costumes. One rented a Chiang Kai-shek military costume, complete with red and gold epaulets and horn-rimmed spectacles.

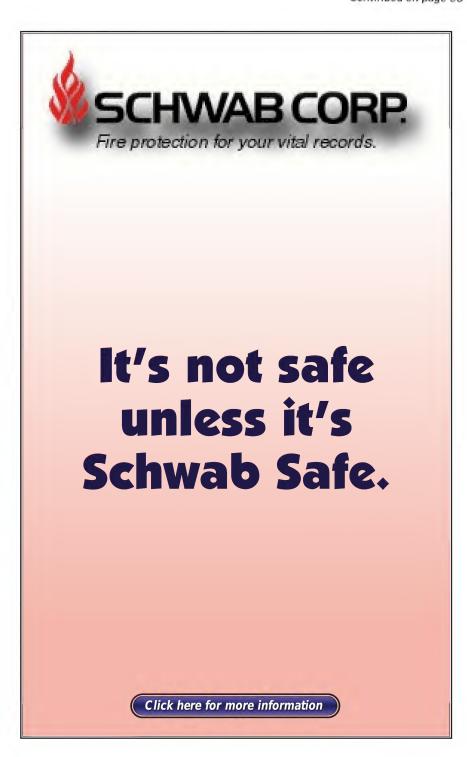
It was "General Chiang" who accompanied Don on the inevitable midnight service call. They climbed into Don's service van and hurried to the all night cafe where an elderly woman had locked her keys inside her vehicle.

As fortune would have it, the lady was a native of our city who knew practically everyone in town. After scrutinizing the two men suspiciously for several minutes, she said, "I don't believe I've met you gentlemen before. Do you live here?" Don claims they kept reasonably straight faces as he smiled and nodded, working furiously to get into the car in record time. He never told her his name. (Confucius say, "To save face, keep part of it shut.")

Those of you who offer 24 hour service are well aware of the fact that locksmiths, like doctors, are often called out at odd hours and under unusual circumstances. The calls are not always what one would expect. For instance, there was one locksmith who told of the time an acquaintance called for help after hours. He instructed the locksmith to come to the top of a certain office building.

Supposing that there was a malfunctioning lock on a door which led to the roof, the locksmith hurried over to see what he could do. When he arrived,

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"These books are so much better than the ones I used to use. Do you know what I did with my old code books? I gave them away to a friend of mine who couldn't afford a set of his own. I will be purchasing the rest of The National Locksmith library soon."

Vernon Scott Scott's Lock & Key Michigan



"The foreign car code book set is super! I'll be buying more of the other books soon. Before I bought my code book from *The National Locksmith* I wasn't doing many foreign cars. I used to shy away from them. But now all I have to do is look up the code. The book even helps me find the right blank, and it's easy to cut them."

"This will definitely help my business. I don't have to turn down jobs any more. And I'm not afraid to tackle foreign cars now. I used to be apprehensive, but not now."



















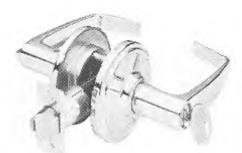


The Kwikset Leverset

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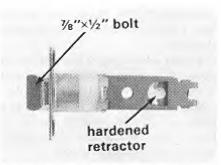
by Robert Sieveking

hough the full impact of the user A serviceable trend in the locksmith industry is not yet fully developed, the need for fast inexpensive key changes on light commercial locksets is pushing the manufacturers to satisfy the need. The Kwikset lever lock answers a number of the special needs of today's modern contract hardware supplier. (See photograph 1.) The lever design is addressed specifically to the new codes that require special access to the handicapped. The locksets can even be ordered with special extra large rubber head keys to meet specific handicap codes. The removable core type cylinder



1. The Kwikset LeverLock.

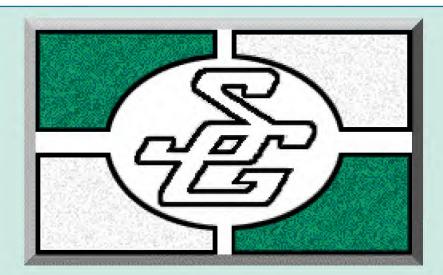
addresses the demand of the end user to make key changes a function of semiskilled maintenance personnel. "Leverset" answers the market with a product designed to be competitive in the light



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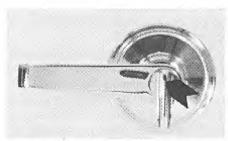






the Leverset. The Leverset latch shown in photograph two is a full \%" diameter, with a \\2" throw. The retractor mechanism has been hardened to increase its strength and give it a longer useful life. The new bolt is reminiscent of the Kwikset bolts you may be used to, but plainly a heavier, better built unit. The latch is fully reversible for left or right hand operation.

The new lever style turn button, which locks the outside lever, is an improvement over the simple turn button. As you can see from photograph three when the door is locked, it is plainly indicated by the position of the lever. The turn button has a spring detent built into the lever handle, that has a nice solid feel when it is locked or unlocked. Both levers operate independently, with only the outside lever being lockable. This provides for panic



3. Leverset shown in locked position.

free exit operation.

The cylinder of this new lockset is the heart of the design. The cylinder is removed and replaced without the use of tools. A special "cylinder removal key" is used to remove and replace the cylinder. The Leverset uses a six pin brass cylinder, with the plug retained in the cylinder by a specially shaped "C" clip that does not rotate on the plug.

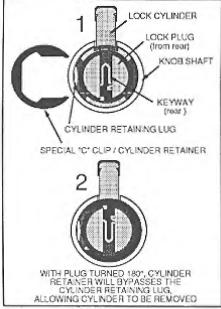


Illustration 4

The ring groove at the rear of the lock plug is squared to prevent the retainer from rotating, as shown in illustration four. Notice that the inside of the "C" clip is squared.

Illustration four also shows the second function of the "C" clip, which is to retain the "lock cylinder" in the "knob shaft." The knob shaft has an embossed "cylinder retaining lug" on the inside of the shaft. With the lock cylinder in the normal position, the "C" clip or cylinder retainer will be behind the cylinder retaining lug, preventing the cylinder from being removed. With the plug turned 180 degrees, as you see in part 2 of the illustration, the opening in the retainer will be over the retaining lug, bypassing it and allowing the cylinder to be removed. The last function of the retainer is to lock the lever onto the knob shaft. One "C" clip holds the whole works together. Bravo! for

Photograph five shows the lock cylinder from the side. Notice the cutout in the side of the lock cylinder shell.
When properly seated in the knob shaft, the cylinder retaining lug will be captured in the cut-out by the cylinder retainer. The plug is turned 180 degrees in the photograph, to show the opening















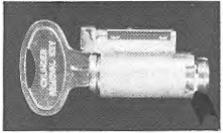






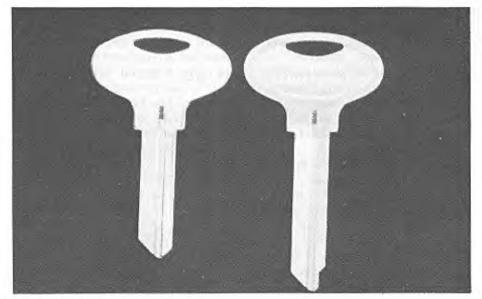






Lock cylinder viewed from the side. in the "C" clip/retainer.

Why doesn't the operating key turn the cylinder far enough to disengage the plug retainer? The length of the operating key is not sufficient to push back and disengage the locking actuator. The cylinder removal key shown in photograph six is a full 5/16" longer than the operating key. When the removal key is in the cylinder, it pushes the locking actuator blade back, freeing it to turn without the limits of 90 degrees either direction. The actuator blade is disengaged at this point and is



6. Special cylinder removal key.

free to rotate 360 degrees without locking or unlocking the lockset.

Though it may be possible to use a

Weiser shim pick to release the cylinder, it is recommended that a working key be cut on a cylinder removal key to remove the cylinder.

This lock is obviously designed to be a part of a masterkey system. The master bitting, cut over a "cylinder removal" blank, would be used to change (remove and replace) cylinders. To combinate these locks to separate set keys without a master, would require that a cylinder removal key be made for each lock. The cylinder removal key is "required" to remove or replace the cylinder. If called to rekey a leverset lock, you will need to either use a customer's removal key or make one before the cylinder can be removed. After recombinating the cylinder, you will need a removal key to replace the cylinder in the leverset.

If called to a lockout, the lock should be picked left to unlock the lock. After turning the cylinder 90 degrees, insert a pick into the rear of the plug, and push in to free the actuator blade, while turning the cylinder another 90 degrees. The lever and cylinder can then be removed. Make a first key in the usual manner and make a cylinder removal key to replace the cylinder.

The leverset is a good sturdy lockset. It meets the needs and demands of a specific market, in a very competitive manner. The leverset fills an important need, by providing a reasonably priced lever lock that is light commercial, meets all the handicap access codes, and can be masterkeyed.

As an added note, Lori is making conversion cylinders for the leverset that will allow the locksmith to key these locks into a number of other keyways.



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Mazda And Probe Service

"To take the ignition off the column you remove the shroud, unplug the ignition and back off the break away bolts that are securing the lock to the column."



Send your car opening questions to: Shirl Schamp, The National Locksmith, 1533 BurgundyParkway,Streamwood, IL 60107.

by Shirl Schamp

The same company that provides Mazda with its ignition locks also provides locks for the Ford Probe and Festiva, by using the same key blank and code series.

If you are going to make a key for a Mazda or Ford Probe do not work from an ignition unless the ignition does not match the other locks. This happens when some amateur replaces the ignition without bothering to match it to the existing key.

Use a door lock to make a key if you don't have a code number. The correct blanks to use are: Silca MAZ17 and Silca MAZ 13, MZ-15 (Curtis) and MZ-16 (Curtis).



 The service package enables the locksmith to service Mazda "SL-10" locks.



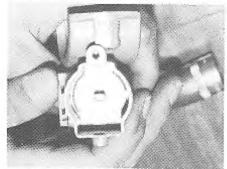
The containments of the service package.

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The first thing to do, to be able to service the locks is to purchase service packages. (See photograph 1.) This is the Mazda ignition lock service package for "SL-10" style ignition locks. The package contains a replacement face, a plug, a rocker arm for the buzzer, a buzzer activator, a retainer, a large and small spring, and a replacement plate. (See photograph 2.)

To take the lock off the column you remove the shroud, unplug the ignition and back off the breakaway bolts that are securing the lock to the column. There are numerous methods on how to back these off. By using the punch to bite into the bolt, you can keep the bolt from rotating with a minimum amount of difficulty.

After the lock has been removed from the column along with any connections you can look into the back side of the lock. (See photograph 3.) Since the back plate is crimped in place, the crimped sections will have to be removed from one side. (See photo-



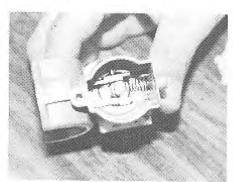
The backside of the lock is noticeable after being removed from the column.



4. The crimped sections of the back plate.

graph 4.) Remove the various parts in a systematic order being careful not to let them explode. (See photograph 5.)

The plug should come out easily from the rear when you use a puller or a slap hammer on the lock. This plug is not secured into the housing very well. Basically, the only thing securing it is a small node at the rear of the cylinder which easily snaps off. (See photograph 6.) The positive effect is that it breaks easily, not enough to damage the ignition unit.



5. Removing the parts of the lock.



The small node securing the plug is fragile.



Empty housing from the lock.

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Locksmiths/Manufacturers Help Community Project

by Julie Hill McCluney

The Ronald McDonald House, a long awaited community project, has recently opened in Orange County, California. Nationwide, the non-profit Ronald McDonald houses provide a welcome "home" for families of seriously ill young people who need to be close to their loved ones during times of much needed medical treatments.

One may ask—what does this have to do with locksmiths? Well, many of your fellow lock manufacturers, distributors, and servicemen have unselfishly contributed a great deal to make this very special dream a reality.



Group photo of CLA members.

It started a couple of years ago when our company, Hills Bros. Lock and Safe, was called out to repair locks at one of our client's locations, a McDonald's restaurant. The owner, Marc Widdicombe, approached me and asked if I had any "connections" in the lock and hardware community. "Yes," I replied. "What do you have in mind?" Marc told me of his goal to establish a Ronald McDonald House here in Orange County.

After many phone calls and letters, I am proud to say that our industry has donated over \$25,000 in materials and time. The Schlage Lock Company donated over 100 Olympiad handicap locksets. LCN dontated a majority of the door closers for this 21 guest room, three story Victorian house. The California Locksmiths Association volunteered 33 of their members, who donated over \$5,000 worth of services by installing the donated hardware. Other companies donating products and services include: Orco Door Closers, Door-O-Matic, the W.H. Steel Co., Security Door Controls, Securitron Magnalock Corp., Clark Security Products, Major Lock & Supply, and American Lock & Supply.

Thanks to the generosity, caring and commitment of many people and organizations, this is the first Ronald McDonald House ever to open without a mortgage.

The Roving Editor

"The guys at Broward Century Lock were ready for me. I thought I'd spend the day behind the counter observing, but they had other ideas. So I spent the day in a van."

by Marc Goldberg

Playing the role of roving Editor has its advantages. A couple of months ago you might remember that I traveled to the frozen tundra of Toronto to write an article about a locksmith wholesaler. I had a good time on that trip, but this month, I told myself I deserve to go someplace warm. I had visions of soft breezes and swaying palm trees in my head. Someplace like...

Deerfield Beach, Florida, home of Broward Century Locksmiths, a modern, well-run locksmith business owned and operated by my friend Brad Volpe, Brad has called Florida home for better than 15 years now and his



1. An overview of the shop shows plenty of counter space with lots of stock and impulse items for sale. A good amount of signage helps promote various products.

shop has been established for a good chunk of that time. What better way for me to enjoy a little warmth? I booked passage for south Florida and with only a couple of days notice, showed up at Broward Century Locksmiths. The guys were ready for

As I walked in the front door, Brad tossed me a company polo shirt printed with the business' name.

"Gee thanks," I said. "This shirt will make me look just like one of the guys while I sit behind the counter and observe."

"Guess again," Brad chuckled, "You're going out on a truck with Bruce. It's about time you got a refresher



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One portion of the shop is dedicated to the display of safes. The shop carries many in stock.



 The bench has room for an entire array of machines, and over them hangs the keyboard. Neatness counts in this shop. Machines are vacummed daily.



 Owner Brad Volpe, right, shows Rob Sullivan a new trick. Notice how this area is set up as a special work station. Everything needed for bench work is right at hand.

course on 'a day in the life of a locksmith.' We've got a full day planned for you."

I guess it was too optimistic to believe that I was going to get that nice polo shirt for nothing. However, the guys did let me chug down a cup of coffee and look around the store before we hit the road. Broward Century is one of the nicest locksmith shops I have seen. The store is about 2,500 square feet and features miles of bench space, dozens of machines, separate work stations for different jobs and retailing space for safes, locks, etc.

The shop is also a Medeco retailer. In fact, Brad sits on their locksmith advisory council. Also, the company is the exclusive importer of locks for the Sterling line of automobiles. Each day, Broward Century communicates by Fax to England, ordering locks required by U.S. Sterling dealers.

After the grand tour, Bruce Volpe and I took off in one of the four company trucks. Before becoming a locksmith, Bruce had been an airplane technician, a trade he learned originally in the military. Bruce is Brad's brother



 Bruce Volpe recombinates the lock on a brand new house, still under construction. All the exterior locks had to be keyed alike. The palm trees really add a lot to the terrace.



Bruce fixes the cam on the back of a defective desk lock at a local bank.

and has been with the company for about three years. With his strong mechanical background, he has learned quickly about the locksmith trade.

Our first key call was for a "simple rekey," or so Manager Mike Sullivan told us. We proceeded a few minutes down Federal Highway to the Dragon Club, a nightclub in the final phases of construction. I had never seen anything quite like this place.

The club was being built in a renovated building which had held a variety of restaurants and other businesses over the years. Giant Styrofoam dragons and creatures had been sprayed with concrete making the place look like something out of a Medieval nightmare.

Anyway, our simple rekey was not so simple after all. When an employee showed us around it become clear that they expected a bunch of no-name, hardware store locks to be keyed into an existing system. Well, if you think the dragons looked like a nightmare, you should have seen the hardware. There were at least five or six different brands all mixed together, along with numerous fire code violations.

Bruce radioed for help. Mike drove over and completed a security survey of the premises. About an hour was required for the survey. The managment complained about the prices, even though such a club could be expected to take in as much as \$50,000 on a good night. A few hours later they called the shop to order the necessary material.

By that time, however, Bruce and I had already been over to the First Union Bank to fix a door controlled by card access. The door was annoying management by sticking each time it was opened. A couple of shots of lubricant solved the problem, and Bruce took an extra moment to fix a desk lock with a broken cam. Then we were on our way to the funniest call of the day.

M & W Construction had put in an emergency call to the shop. Apparently, they had locked themselves out of an important storage room. Mike radioed that we had better get over there immediately. The workman were screaming for their tools. When we got to the location, we found ourselves at a construction site for a huge retirement complex. Since asphalt was being poured, they made us walk completely around the entire site until we located the foreman. He was very glad to see us and he led us to a steel door which was locked.

"You gotta get us in that store room quick," said the foreman. "My men need their tools."

"Are you sure there's no other way in there?" asked Bruce.

The foreman gave us a disgusted look and answered that there was no other entrance to the room, and after all he should know since he built the building, etc., etc.

Bruce picked the lock despite the heads trying to look over his shoulder as he did his work. He opened the door. There, through a very large hole in the store room's side wall, were four or five electricians peering through at us. They were running wires into the store room from an adjoining area. The foreman almost fainted from embarrasement,

Well, to make a long story short, we continued running around the area, doing work for another construction company and another bank. I am happy that the weather in Florida was a balmy 86 degrees which was a nice change from the 16 below I had left behind in Chicago. My day helped remind me that although the customer is always supposed to be right, when it comes to security, he doesn't always know what he needs. As part of the job, the locksmith must educate the customer. That way, both parties come out ahead.





















Sargent's 10 Line

"The 10 line is an entirely new concept in lever design, incorporating some of the features of other lines, with the added ability of lever operation."

by Jack Roberts

We have written many times that everything goes "full circle" and lever handles are no different than anything else in our profession. Lever handles were in use long before the knob type became fashionable and levers are still the most predominate type of handle used on European locks.

Any door to which a latching device is installed must have a means of retracting the latch before ingress or egress can be obtained. NFPA 101, 5-2.1.5.3 requires that a latch or other fastening device on a door shall be provided with a knob, handle, panic bar or other simple type of releasing device having an obvious method of operation under all lighting conditions. Nothing in this section refers to a "lever handle" as such using only the term "releasing device" as a means of retracting the latch or other fastening

While this requirement is rather broad in scope as applied to NFPA 101, recent years have focused attention on the ability, or inability, of a handicapped person to operate a releasing device as defined in this section.

National, state and local handicapped requirements as well as ANSI 156.2 and UL-F 804H have created the need for lever handle locksets that will meet or exceed any or all of these criteria. Retrofit kits have been available for some time that in effect create a "lever handle set" from an existing "knob set" cylindrical type of latching device.

We have found that although these kits do provide very secure and substantial means for attachment of a lever to a knob, and cosmetically offer proof of compliance with code, nothing is provided which will substantially strengthen the construction of the lockset to withstand the additional pressures which are applied from a lever handle.

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state specifically that lever handles must not be attached to an existing knob type mortise lock without the installation of springs specifically designed for lever handle operation. Improper latch and/or spindle springs on cylindrical or mortise locksets can result in sagging levers and, more importantly, inadequate latching or other assorted locking problems.

While it must be admitted that a retrofit lever handle may be quite adequate for a light or medium duty cylindrical lockset that is being used a few times each day by a lightweight person with arthritic hands, a high traffic lockset, being used many times a day by a wide variety of users can be subjected to immeasureable stress.

It appears that the Sargent Lock Co. has taken the time to thoroughly evaluate, research and test the need for a lever handle cylindrical lockset that will meet or exceed all existing bureaucratic criteria as well as provide years of trouble-free operation under all types of user abuse. The Sargent 10 Line is the end result. (See photograph 1.)

An entirely new concept in lever handle cylindrical lockset design, the 10 Line incorporates some of the con-



 The Sargent 10 Line lever handle lockset.

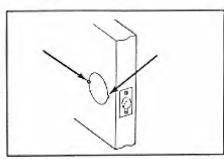


Illustration 2

struction features of the very reliable 6, 7, 8, and 9 Line locksets with the added ability of lever handle operation under all operating conditions.

Available in 15 function, six finishes and any Sargent keyway the 10 line is shipped "right hand," and set for 1\%" thick doors with 2\%" backset. Our review lockset, furnished by Dugmore & Duncan, is a 10G05, Entrance Function. Hand change and door thickness adjustments are easily accomplished and will be detailed later in this article; 3¼" and 5" backsets are available.

Door prep for the 10 Line is virtually the same as for any cylindrical type of lockset with which you may be familiar, although there are a couple of extra steps that must be performed for proper installation. For an existing 21/4" cross bore hole a 5/32" × 5/32" notch must be cut (laterally) on each side of the hole to accommodate tabs on the mounting plates. (See illustration 2.) For existing prep these notches can be cut with a file or small router bit. For new prep two 5/32" holes 5/32" deep can be drilled on each side of the door prior to cutting the cross bore hole. Two additional holes, 7/16" diameter, must also be drilled which will be explained fully as our installation progresses.

With the door prepped the latch bolt unit is installed, properly handed, and secured with two screws provided.

The next step is disassembly of the lockset unit. The inside handle is removed by depressing the lever catch through the access hole on the edge of



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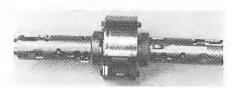
the lever handle. Next, the scalp which covers the inside rose is removed by twisting it counterclockwise and pulling. (See photograph 3.) Tabs inside the scalp engage grooves in the edge of the rose which holds the scalp in place. Do not attempt to remove the scalp by prying it off; a slight twist is all that is necessary.

With the scalp removed the inside rose and spring cartridge can now be removed from the tube (spindle). The lever catch will have to be depressed for removal of this assembly. Let's back up at this point and take a look at something different in cylindrical lockset terminology, (i.e., spring cartridge). There are two of them, one inside each rose, and these are the items that set the 10 Line apart from typical cylindrical locksets, provide smooth operation of the unit, and maintain true horizontal positioning of the levers at all times. More about spring cartridges a little later.

The next step in disassembly of the lockset is removal of the interior mounting plate nut (a wrench is furnished), and the interior mounting plate, both of which are slid off the tube (spindle). Next, the outside lever handle is removed by inserting the key and



 Removing the scalp which covers the inside rose.



4. The bare 10 line with the outside rose removed

turning it 45 degrees clockwise, depressing the lever catch through the hole in the handle and removing the handle from the tube (spindle).

The outside rose can now be removed but do not attempt to remove the scalp. It is permanently attached to the rose. With these parts removed the outside mounting plate and nut are visible. It is not necessary to remove these

parts although they have been removed to show the "bare-bones" 10 Line in photograph four. Note the heavy lugs, (arrow) which engage the lever handles.

As noted earlier, all 10 Line locksets are set for 1½" thick doors, right hand. We will assume this for our installation and later explain the procedures for door thickness adjustment and hand changing.

Now, with the door prepped, the latch bolt installed, and all trim removed we can slide the lock body into the cross bore hole, (from the outside) making sure that the lock body engages the tabs (or prongs) of the latch unit and that the retractor in the lock body engages the "T" on the end of the latch unit tailpiece. It isn't a bad idea at this point to hold everything in place and depress the outside handle to be certain that the latch is retracting properly.

Next, place the inside mounting plate and depress the outside handle to be certain that the latch is retracting properly.

Next, place the inside mounting plate and nut on the tube (spindle), ascertain that the tabs on the plate slide into the slots on the lock body, and tighten the nut securely. A die cut tem-















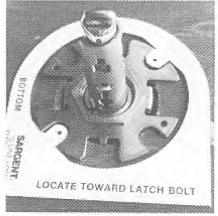












Template properly positioned over the mounting plate.

plate is furnished to properly locate the two 7/16" holes mentioned earlier. Place the template over the mounting plate on one side of the door, making sure that it is positioned properly (the word "bottom" goes at the bottom), and mark the holes. (See photograph 5.) Drill halfway through the door and then position the template on the other side and repeat the procedure.

The next step is to secure the inside and outside mounting plates to the door with the self-tapping screws, provided. (See photograph 6.) The roses



6. Securing mounting plates to the door.

(and spring cartridges) can now be installed. Place the outside rose over the tube (spindle) aligning the posts with the holes just drilled and slide it into place. Do the same with the inside rose and secure the two with the two screws furnished. (See photograph 7.) Next, place the inside rose scalp into position and turn it clockwise until it snaps into position.

All that is left to complete the installation is to slide the inside lever handle onto the tube (spindle) until it is secured by the lever catch; slide the outside lever handle onto the outside tube (spindle) as far as it will go, insert the key, turn it 45 degrees, depress the lever catch and push on the handle until it is retained by the catch. Check



7. The rose installed.

the operation of both lever handles for free and smooth movement, check the key for proper locking and unlocking operation, install the strike and check for proper latching and the installation is complete. (See photograph 8.)

This is a little different than the usual cylindrical lockset installation and some extra time should be considered when making a quotation for this type of lockset.

We have assumed that we have a 1¾" RH door for this installation. Now, let's take a look at the 10 Line means of adjustment for different door thick-



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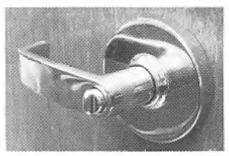




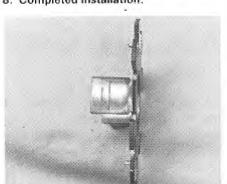








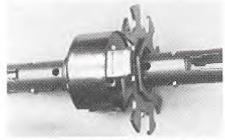
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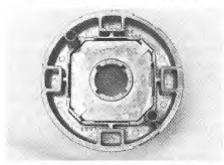
Note marks on the outside mounting plate for two door thicknesses.

nesses. Note that the tab on the outside mounting plate has two marks. (See photograph 9.) The long mark is for a 1%" door and the short mark is for a 2" door.

Door thickness adjustment is accom-



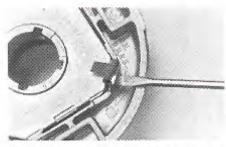
 This unit is set for a thickness of 2". (See mark that it's adjusted to.)



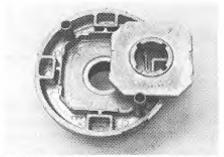
 Arrows inside rose indicate proper direction for RH and LH.

plished by turning the outside nut to align one of these marks with the edge of the lock body. Photograph 10 shows the unit set for a door thickness of 2". Halfway between the two marks would be 1%", etc., and that's all there is to door thickness adjustment.

Hand change is easily accomplished



Gently prying the cartridge out of the rose.



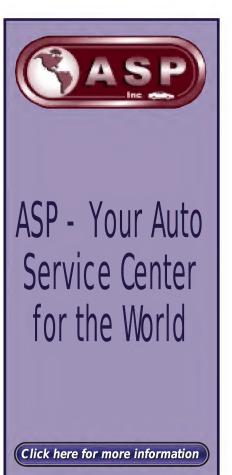
 The cartridge shown removed from the rose.

in the following manner: With all trim removed, note the spring cartridge located inside each rose and the arrows (on the rose and also on the cartridge) which indicate the direction for RH and LH. (See photograph 11.) The cartridge is held in place by two clips which are removed by gently prying

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with the tip of a flat screwdriver. (See photograph 12.) Lift the cartridge out of the rose (see photograph 13), turn it over, replace it in the rose and press the securing clips back into place. Repeat this procedure for the other rose and cartridge and hand change is completed.

If it is necessary to remove the cylinder for rekeying or for changing to a different keyway, remove the lever handle as previously described and with a regular plier, grasp the end of the cylinder retainer and pull it from the handle. (See photographs 14 and 15.) When replacing the cylinder, it is secured in place by pressing the retainer in position until it is flush with the shelf of the handle.

We put the 10 Line through some



Grasp the cylinder retainer with a plier...



15...and remove it from the handle.

pretty heavy-handed tests, cycled the retraction continuously for over an hour (about 4000 times) and tried to muscle it from the door with nothing to show except some bruised hands. When you consider that the mounting plates, 31/8" diameter, are secured to the door and the lock body by two I-I/I6" lock nuts and four mounting screws and that the 31/2" roses are attached with two 10-32 × 21/2" screws, you have a pretty solid foundation for trouble-free operation.

The complete 10G05 lockset weighs in at just under five pounds and that's a lot of stuff for a cylindrical lockset. We mentioned earlier that the 10 Line is available in 15 functions, two of which are not operating functions as such but are double handle pulls for doors with no latching mechanism. The 10U94, consisting of two lever handles and roses, is designed for a door that has never been prepped. The 10U94-2 is the same except that a cover plate is included for a latch cut-out.

A "G" in the part number (i.e., 10G05), means that the latch has a guard bolt or it is a deadlocking latch, while the "U" means that it is a latch only. A 10U15, for instance, is a passage set, two lever handles and a latch.

Our review lockset is a 10G05 LL × 26. Breaking this down, the 10 means 10 Line; G means guarded latch; 05 is the function, entrance or office; and LL is lever handle. The standard 10 Line comes with a #800 2¾" × 1½" lip strike (lip length 1¼") and a wrought aluminum latch box. A #808 strike, 4¾" × 1½" with a lip length of 1½" is available by prefixing the part number with "28." Our part number would then appear as 28 10G05 LL × 26.

Standard backset is 2½" but as mentioned earlier 3¾" and 5" backsets are available. These are designated by "23" and "25" respectively which are also prefixed to the part number.

Now, assuming that the spees call for a communicating function lever handle lockset in 26D finish with a 4%" strike and a 5" backset, the order number would look like this; 25 28 10G30 LL × 26D. The Sargent catalog section describing the 10 Line spees, functions, parts, assemblies, installation, finishes and special prefix numbers has been well prepared and is easy to follow. Similar to the computer term "user friendly," I would call the 10 Line lockset "installer friendly."

We are grateful to the staff at Dugmore & Duncan, a full line Sargent source, for their valuable assistance in the preparation of this review.













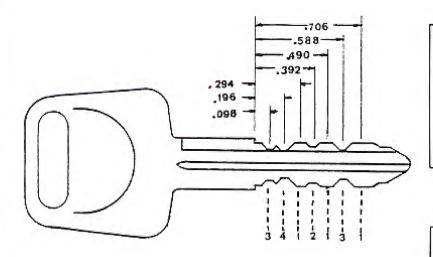






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Shop Talk

Helpful Questions and Answers

Shop Talk answers readers questions on any locksmith related topic. Only letters judged to be of general interest will be published. We regret that we cannot answer individual letters. Because of the volume of mail, only those questions published in the magazine will receive answers. Send your locksmith questions to Shop Talk: The National Locksmith, 1533 Burgundy Parkway, Streamwood, IL 60107.

Q: I received my first copy of The National Locksmith and I came across Shop Talk. I hope you can help me with my question.

I got a call from an owner of a new development and was asked to change the combinations on all their doors. At the finish of my work I was informed by the owner that they were told by the builder that the combination didn't have to be changed because as soon as the owner inserted his key, the builder's key would no longer work. The owner was skeptical and so was I until I came across this article on Protecto Key, by Kwikset. I was even more skeptical when I dumped all the pins out and the master pins came out too.

> W.R.,Gordon Pennsylvania

A: Homeowners would be well advised to re-key their locks entirely upon purchase. This includes locks that have been sold with the understanding that the builder's key will no longer work once the homeowner's key is inserted and turned-regardless of the lock manufacturer involved.

Kwikset, like many other manufacturers of builder's hardware, offers a construction keying alternative to the necessity of re-keying. The concept is simple.

In Kwikset's case, for example, the plug of the lock has a series of small holes or dimples on the side of it. The homeowner's key will be a standard key, with a cut range of 0 to 6. The builder's key (and other master keys) will include a #7 cut. For example, two common builder's keys across the country 67667 and 76667.

To allow the builder's key to work, it is inserted in the plug with the pins to accommodate the homeowner's key already in it. Small steel balls are then



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inserted to fill the chamber to the shearline. These act as a sort of master pin to allow the builder's key to operate. When the homeowner inserts his key, these small balls are raised above the shearline, since it brings the actual pins to the shearline.

As the homeowner turns his key, the balls contact the dimples on the side of the plug. The spring pressure on the top pin (driver) pushes down on the steel balls, and they become trapped in the dimples. When the lock cylinders are later re-keyed by a locksmith, these typically fall out.

It sounds wonderful, and works relatively well in most instances, but other factors make it inadvisable to depend on it for any longer than necessary. One of these factors is that many builders and builder's hardware companies have experienced problems with homeowners who use their key a day too soon, or with poorly copied builder's keys that cause some of the balls to fall into the dimples prematurely, preventing other builder's keys from working.

For these and other reasons, frequently master pins are used in place of the steel balls in one or all positions. I have seen locks that the builder sells as Protecto-keyed with master pins in all positions and no steel balls in them.

I have also seen many locks with master pins in all but one position, so that they still are Protecto-keyed, and the builder can even show the homeowner that his key no longer operates it. Yet only a difference of .023" to .046" in one position prevents its operation. Some builders have special keys made to take advantage of this minimal difference so they can get in to do minor touch-up work between the time the keys are turned over to the homeowner and the time the homeowner actually moves in.

Still other builders have a master key for all of their buildings that works independently of the Protecto-Key system, even though it may still be used. Often half of the sub-contractors on the job have this master as well as the builder's key on their work ring.

In short, the Protecto-Key system is designed to allow the homeowner some peace of mind, and to protect the foolish homeowner who would not consider re-keying the locks. But the wise homeowner will always re-key the locks when he or she moves in.

Q: Photograph one shows a Junkunc bicycle lock. How can it be opened?



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1. Junkunc bicycle lock.

I've tried picking and skimming to no avail. Can you offer any suggestions? What is this lock worth? Please advise. John Boncuore Illinois

A: Many thanks, John, for letting all of us see this interesting offering from the Junkune Brothers. Although this padlock could be used for bicycles or any other use it was designed and marketed as a spare tire lock. Known as the new Junkune Style "U" tire lock it had a short production run in the mid 30's. Changes in automobile designs for spare tire storage and the rapid technological changes in tires and wheels of the period made it impractical to continue production.

You haven't given us any measurements of your lock, but the style "U" was manufactured in three sizes. The large, for Hudson, Buick, and other cars having similar size tires, at \$4.00; the medium, for Ford, Pontiac, Dodge, and other cars having similar size tires, at \$3.75; and the medium with rubber, for Chevrolet, and other cars having similar size tires, also at \$3.75. Advertising of the period states that the "U" is positively the last word in tire theft prevention protecting both the tire and the rim.

I can't offer any suggestions for opening this lock other than picking or impressioning either of which shouldn't be too difficult if the lock hasn't been damaged and the wafer discs are free. The collector value of your lock would be in the \$10 to \$15 range.

Thanks for writing to Shop Talk, John, and keep working on your picking and impressioning skills. 03

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adult school. The information gained, along with the familiarity to simple equations like ohms and watts laws will help immensely on a difficult problem or on a complex system. There are also some excellent two or three day classes held during national and local association conventions. I was told by one locksmith that he learned enough during a two day hands on class to troubleshoot and repair his first wiring problem call in under five minutes.

When you take a class (other than at a community college) you should take the time to check the academic qualifications of the instructor. You are more at risk of receiving mis-information or half truths if the instructor does not have at least a few semesters of college level electronics under his belt.

Confucious Say...

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however, he discovered that his friend simply needed help rigging an inflated replica of King Kong atop the building, as a practical joke on someone. (Confucious say, "He who climb tall building in summer may have dangerous fall.")

The wife of a locksmith whom we know operates a chauffeured limousine service out of Seguin, Texas, near San Antonio. One evening, they were preparing to attend a gala affair in the city, complete with formal dress and tuxedo, and had decided to travel in one of their new luxury limousines. As they were preparing to leave the house, the telephone rang.... You guessed it!

With insufficient time to change clothes still arrive at their social function punctually, they decided to forgo the service van, as well. "Besides," they said to one another, "what better way to advertise our new limousine service?" (Confucious say, "Man never has second chance to make first impression.") Grabbing their caropening tools, they hastened to the rescue.

Can you imagine the look on their customer's face when a locksmith stepped out of the long, white, chauffered, luxury limousine, dressed in a tuxedo? Talk about white-glove service! No doubt, that was the most elegant car-opening in history.

Mazda

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Photograph seven shows an empty housing from the lock. When reassembling, carefully insert the opposite side



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from the broken crimp in under the intact crimped over section, not touched. This section matches the one broken off on the opposite side.

In photograph eight, using a center punch in that location, dent or dimple the easing in two or three locations in line with the plate. This causes it to protrude on the inside, staking the plate in place. In photographs nine and 10, two other necessary places to punch are shown.



Using a center punch, the plate will be staked in place.



9. Indicated here are other...



10. ...places to punch.

After reconnecting the electrical portion of the unit, it should be ready to replace into the column. Use new shear bolts when replacing the lock, it will be safer and better in the end result.

I again want to thank Jay Skelton who collaborates with me on numerous articles that I've written over the years. He has recently enlarged his shop and is now doing a little supplying, and a little developing of tools. In upcoming articles I'll show you something he's working on. He's living proof that if you apply yourself to your trade, you will excel.

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